

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendments which generally conform the specification, claims, and abstract to U.S. practice.

Concerning the claims, Applicant requests entry of the present amendments under 37 C.F.R. §§1.115 & 1.121, which are based upon the Claims 1-81, as originally filed in the International Phase of the PCT application. Herein, original Claims 1-15, 17-73, 75, 77-78 and 81 are amended and presented in rewritten format, and Claim 16 is canceled in order to conform the claim set to U.S. practice and standards, leaving Claims 1-15 and 17-81 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

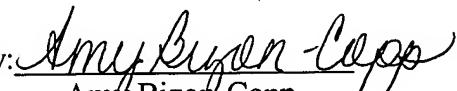
No new matter is being introduced by this amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the originally filed application.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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